

an situation. This is but one of the
many appearances of circumstances, now
looming up all over the Country, bringing
immense pending evils to us. To the white
land. & especially. To Ky. But you may
think I am without good cause - not
hopefull. I confess to you I am not
hopefull of either the present or future.
So me there are many things alarming -
By nature. and if so I cannot help it, I
am perhaps out of a hopeful tempera-
ment, & too much given to disband
every one matters - having an unfavor-
able aspect. It seems to me that you
(and in this I mean include the whole)
Legislature) have now before you more
difficulties than at any time since you
became a member, perhaps at any
time since the State had an existence -
Last fall we thought different, we thought
the time of great peril, the point at
which matters would have been passed
We had no idea of what now
presents itself in the complications &
different shades of opinion & feeling
arising from Lincoln's proclamation.
and what seems to me really of more
practical significance, Negro Regiments -

that any such questions would be presented
to distract the men of sky, a play at
sentiments, feelings & propensities. But
here we have them. And it devolves upon
you ready to give shape & stand to the
Union feeling, the Union sentiment, about
these. It is all important, that your address
or action should be considered & sent
right. No matter if you are slow about it.
Take time, if it takes you two, a week
or more - The results, to arise out of your
action are too important, too full of
great or small to the State and its people
to be hastily & inconsiderate. Remain
well - & Be just right. But what is just
right is the question? For my part, I
cant tell - I must leave it to those I
know have better means of knowing
than I have. I do say again you
cannot be too cautious about this
question of a Car. Arrest. It seems
to me from the Amb of Knowledge I
have of the feelings of our Union
people, they will not stand a
denunciation of arrests. What seems
strange, there are some of our men
who set themselves up as leaders -
now who were at the start the most

Bald and Chivers, about arrests -
and who even assisted & participated
in them. and now the most forward,
in crying out "the tyranny of the
arbitrary arrests". - Had you the State
from such pretended friends? -

I can not what time or shape you
give to your Resolutions or a ref. as
you may think best. It is an Federal
Relation - You will find no matter what
you do or say. that the disunionists
the secess and all who are in heart
to sympathize with them. will not
support them - not vote an Union
ticket. will do all in their power
to kill & defeat it. This not to them
or for them I would labor to harmonize
This for the Union men & them alone
your action should be had. It
accord with their feelings & sentiment
hold them within the fold of the
party by showing them the utter
& wholesale ruin to result from a
division now. that we have your

too few to take the back track -
If this is done calmly & firmly & with
a determination to fight it out -
there can be no man, with a single
reflection, who cannot see the
innumerable ills to result to him
and all his friends, for a party, and
by going into any other party or
faction than the Union party
to which he belonged. The Union
party, with the fortunes it had, which
kept the State safely in the Union.

The debates in Congress within
the last month, and by no means
chasing - We are presented with
about four parties in that body -
It is to be hoped the people in the
loyal States are not so divided
if they are. One year or twenty
months will see us permanently
divided, and two parties -
Our Gov. is threatened - and Maryland
Delaware, Va. at any rate West Va.
Ky. & Mo. Middle States, ruined -
especially the Union population
of them - It seems a part of the
Republicans, and I believe the majority

with the Border State men & Northern
Dem. are for a Reinstatement of the Union
& the States to their Conditions, at the
Rebellion. This part of the Repub.
Newmen, seem to go in for Negro Soldiers
Mustard the emancipation proclamation
of the President. and his compensated
emancipation scheme. They being
divided from the Dem. North &
Border men. The Radicals Contrary
them. Now another party is the
Vallandigham faction. Which I
hope is but a faction, having Cox
of Ohio. May of Maryland and
or two others; James Jay Dickliff
of Ky. but I dont think so.
Now the principals of this faction
are as set forth in Vallandigham's
Speech. and are as much treason
and as destructive of the nation
as any ever uttered & contended for
by any of the active Rebels of
Va, South Car or Miss -
Now how many of the Dem North
or Union men in the Border States
entertain such work for these I
dont know. it is to be hoped not
many. If there are many, there are causes

has much birthstained. I should never
have been satisfied. How much the ~~Reading~~ ^{Reading} ~~Law~~
- ~~English~~ ^{English} element entered into & carried
the election, at least fall north -
If it was the predominant element & was
the cause of the success of that party,
then we in Ky. had no cause of rejoicing
but it will be an aweful fall & ruin -
The other speech of Conway of Kansas.
Shows the sentiments of the abolition
wing of the Republican party. and it
goes in for a depredation of the slave
line. This too is an aim. By the way
Wadsworth made a speech on the
Negro Soldier Bill. His sentiments
are fine, except. he took occasion
to praise the speech of Vallandigham
him also. No if by this he means to
approve of his sentiments. it will be
unfortunate for us in this District. as
I suppose he will be our Candidate
for Congress. I hope he does not
approve of them. I shall not
vote for any man who does -
I cannot hear much to
claim. O W. W. - I cannot in
conscience vote for any such.
I consider the doctrine treasonable in
the simplest sense of the term -

The Postman has just arrived and
I find in it St. Paul Orlando,
Mam. He says the Legislatures
will adjourn next week.
I wrote you about some
matters. Some little matters of
business - I am truly troubled
& vexed about the state of my
Army accounts. I don't want
you to have any trouble but really
I should like to have some settlement
quicker - or the return of the
receipts. So that I could
have something by which I could
be protected - We will want
as evidence for Burr. We need to
our Green. Lagash. Vallerio as
a statement of the Auditor, a Certificate,
under your & Ketchum's hand of the
forfeiture of the 32.000 I was from
1800 to 1808. either in name Ketchum and
Milken, or Caldwell - With your
it. Mest, Spalding & Co want to return

You will be in a ditch in New Air Camp in the Contract
written by you. What shall I say to them?
60-24 Berlin

as soon as the act vesting the Quarterly Court
becomes a law by the Governor's signature. Signature
please let me know as only about 5 weeks intervene
between this & March term

Greene Pk. N.S.A.

February 13th 1863 Friday

Wm. C. Ireland Esq

Dear Sir

I perhaps owe an apology for not
having sooner addressed you, but the "press of
business" in my new position must answer for the delay -

We get no Frankfort news save what
some of our correspondents of the Cincinnati Papers
choose to have inserted -

Your body certainly have a critical and
dangerous work to perform - While we do not by
any means agree with the "abolition negro policy", we
must so conduct ourselves as not to have even the
appearance of siding with the rebellion -

The great effort of the hydra headed, sciss
"peace democrats" (composed of broken down whigs as well
as loco focos) is to convince the thoughtless & ignorant
that there are only two parties "Peace democrats" (alias
sciss) and Abolitionists - "I told you Lincoln and
the Republicans intended to free all the niggers" is
their constant cry - "Are you going to fight for the
Negro and Negro equality" is constantly being yelled
into the ears of our soldiers -

The Sciss seem to think that when they hear ~~some~~ persons
(known as Union) speak against abolitionism that they have
made a convert - poor deluded or wicked creatures - they
seem not to know that our Conservative Union loving
policy is opposed to all ultraism no matter from what

Judge Geo. S. Eaton.

point of Compass it may emanate —

To really oppose secessionism is to oppose abolitionism and vice versa —

I look upon them as truly one party, pulling at the same string — opposite ends — with the evident intention to break it; but by the grace of God and a vigorous use of muskets & the battlet box I think we can defeat their schemes —

The difference between the "Secest and Union men" in the "Proclamation & Negro soldier policy" is; that the Union men grieve over the matter and much regret that father Abraham & Uncle So have fallen from grace; while the Secest are "teekled een-a-most to death" over the matter thinking that now they can (in Kentucky particularly) swell their ranks out our heavy column, but no you poor wicked sinning fools, we started on the voyage against you and will not stop till you lay down your arms —

I commenced this on Friday night but did not have time to finish it — On Saturday without previous notice, known to outsiders (until Friday evening) the so called "Democracy" had a meeting in the Court House to nominate delegates to send to Frankfort to nominate State officers and a one of them told me he supposed that Lazarus Powell would get nomination for Governor — On Saturday the persons who formerly called themselves State rights (wrong) men, came pouring into town from all parts of the County even the most remote places — and it could not be denied that they were a strange medley of all sorts of men but on

the destruction of the government - worthless locofocos
broken down rifles - the rick of the know nothings
all congregated in one mass.

The "democrat" they called to the chair
was James Byrnes 1st a whig 2nd a know nothing -
3rd a State (wrong) rights - 4th a peace party man
and now forsooth a democrat and many others
in the same "prigminary" - They have not
"got yet to the pitch" of calling themselves "Union
democrats" but if they fail as they did with their
State rights name they will compromise I suppose
and take any other name provided they can accomplish
their scheme of holding back the Union army till
their side can get their breath but no! we
have the better of your friends and allies Davis, Yancy &c
and they will have to stop fighting in order to get
peace -

I think the plans of the destructionists alias
"peace democrats" can be frustrated in this state &
we must exert ourselves to the task - They think
they have made a platform for the Union party out of abolition
lumber but we do not go on ~~their~~ platform -

We are for the Union - the Constitution & the enforcement of
the laws by the bayonet if necessary and also we are
for our glorious Star Spangled Banner also for Yankee
Doodle - Nail Columbia & Old Hundred - Yours

John Seaton

John Moran says don't forget to try to have
lailors as well as other officers for increased -

Everything has advanced from 50 to 100 per cent &
some articles much above that therefore it is quite
hard to live on former allowances -

My last count will nett me \$100.00 of good fees &
the most of them is quite small fees; and it costs me
\$1000.00 at least for annuities to support my family